



NEWSLETTER

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Parent Governor Vacancy and Election:

One of our parent governors, Lydia Jourdain, has stepped down from her role. She has been a valued member of the Board of Governors for over two years and her commitment, knowledge and skills have been much appreciated.

Volunteering as a school governor is a worthwhile and rewarding role; giving something back to support education in our community. Governors use skills they have acquired in their personal lives or professional careers and put them to good use. As a governor you will also have the opportunity to:

- improve your work skills
- receive valuable training
- gain experience of managing an educational organisation
- raise questions, discuss issues and help make decisions

No previous experience of being a school governor is required as there is induction training and ongoing support.

All parents* or carers of registered pupils at the school at the time of a parent governor election are eligible to become parent governors, unless they are: An elected member of the local authority or paid to work in the school for more than 500 hours in any consecutive 12 month period (at the time of election or appointment).

Information about the Parent Governor role has been emailed via Parentmail. The **closing date for applications is Monday 12th October**. There is more information about our Governors on the school website - www.meads.e-sussex.sch.uk/the-board-of-governors.

If you would like to chat to Linda Caroe, Chair of Governors about the role, please contact the school office and your contact details will be passed on.

* Section 576 of the Education Act 1996 defines "parent" to include: all natural parents, whether they are married or not; and any person who, although not a natural parent, has parental responsibility for a child or young person; and any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child or young person.



A gentle reminder that dogs are not allowed on the school premises at any time, including at drop off and collection.

Please do not bring them on to the playgrounds or tie them to the gates while you are on site.



Upcoming dates

13/10/20	School Photos — Individual
22/10/20	Last day of Term 1
23/10/20	Inset Day
2/11/20	Inset Day
3/11/20	First Day of Term 2
6/11/20	Flu Vaccinations— all year groups
18/12/20	Last Day of Term 2

Rainbow Awards:

Reception: Maybelle Mercer
Year 1: Tilly Jones
Year 2: Carissa Styles
Year 3: Alice King-Spooner
Year 4: Peter McEnnis
Year 5: Chyna Wai
Year 6: Christian Andrews

The Big Anti-Bullying Assembly 2020

On Monday morning the whole school took part in [The Big Anti-Bullying Assembly 2020](#), a virtual event broadcast online and organised by The Diana Award, a national children's charity, and Nationwide Building Society.

The event was hosted by Children's TV presenters Mwaka "Mwaksy" Mudenda and Richie Driss alongside Peter Andre, Katie Leung, Twist & Pulse, Ade Adepitan, James McVey, Cel Spellman, Will Poulter, Hacker the Dog, as well as the famous voice of The X Factor's Peter Dixon.

They were able to enjoy a host of celebrity personal stories, messages and special performances as well as offering key information and guidance on how to handle bullying behaviour and the support available.

The children were invited to think of 5 people (one for each finger and thumb) who they would go to if they were worried about bullying; perhaps a family member, a friend or their teacher, and then asked to 'put their hands up' and pledge to put an end to bullying.

As a school we are keen to work with families to ensure all children feel safe and are heard. Please do contact your child's class teacher via the class email if you have any concerns. If your child's teacher is not available please speak to the school office.



Music Lessons

East Sussex Music provide music lessons to pupils in schools across Sussex. The lessons are open to pupils in all year groups and take place during the school day. They are provided by qualified music teachers in a COVID safe face-to-face setting.

At the moment we can offer violin, cello and guitar lessons in school. If you are interested in finding out more about learning to play an instrument, at any experience level, please take a look at the East Sussex Music website.



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